

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lighting control apparatus comprising:

5 a use detection means for sending out a use detection signal when detecting that a display means is placed in a use state; and

10 an optical limitation means for limiting light emitted out of a lighting means and incident upon a screen of said display means according to said use detection signal from said use detection means.

2. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when detecting that said display means is pulled out from an accommodating means, said use detection means sends
15 out the use detection signal.

3. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when detecting that said display means is powered on, said use detection means sends out the use detection signal.
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4. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein when detecting a video signal from said display means, said use detection means sends out the use detection signal.

25 5. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said optical limitation means reduces the light emitted out of said lighting means according to the use detection signal.

30 6. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein said optical limitation means reduces the light incident upon said display means according to the use detection signal.

5 7. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said optical limitation means changes an optical path of the light incident upon said display means according to the use detection signal.

10 8. The lighting control apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said optical limitation means limits light that is reflected from the screen of said display means disposed in a moving object and is then incident upon the screen of said display means.